
Activity Suggestions for *Flags*

1. Japanese Cherry Tree

- an important symbol of Japan is the cherry tree
- using brown markers or brown oil pastels, draw a large tree trunk and branches on a piece of paper
- using Q-tips and pink and white paint, dab lots of cherry blossoms onto the tree

2. Wild Iris Flowers (Flags)

- cut an oval shape from both dark purple and light purple construction paper
- cut one of the ovals in half
- glue the intact oval onto another sheet of construction paper
- glue the two halves over top by separating them to form a 45° angle
- add white or yellow stamens out of construction paper and a green stem and leaves

3. Plant a Classroom Garden

- fill styrofoam cups $\frac{2}{3}$ full of potting soil
- plant 2 – 3 bean, pea or dwarf sunflower seeds in each cup
- cover seeds with more soil
- water
- plants can be observed, measured, drawn and eventually taken home and transplanted into an outdoor garden